2006 National Fraud Prevention Conference on Transportation Infrastructure Programs

Tuesday,	
Tuesday, April 25, 2006	Palms Ballroom, Salons F~I (Except as Noted)
7:00 - 8:00 am	Light Breakfast - Provided (Lime & Tangerine Ballrooms)
8:00 – 8:30 am	Opening Remarks: Cecil T. Bragg, Jr., Inspector General – Florida Department of Transportation Jack Basso, Director of Management and Business Development – AASHTO Charles H. Lee, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Investigations – USDOT OIG A Message From: Denver J. Stutler, Jr., P.E., Secretary – Florida Department of Transportation
8:30 – 9:30 am	Unprecedented Funding Under SAFETEA-LU Legislation - Challenges Facing Oversight Providers Jack Basso, Director of Management and Business Development – AASHTO
9:30 – 10:00 am	Federal Highway Administration Financial Integrity Review and Evaluation Program (FIRE); Highway Trust Fund Financing Jim St. John, Director of Field Services, South – Federal Highway Administration
10:00 – 10:20 am	Morning Break - Light Refreshments Provided
10:20 – 11:00 am	Speaker: <i>The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart</i> , U.S. House of Representatives – Florida District 25 Member, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Transportation Research Grant Fraud – \$1 Million Embezzlement from University Grant John Griffith, Assistant U.S. Attorney – District of Columbia Omer Poirier, Counsel – USDOT OIG
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Lunch – Provided (Lime & Tangerine Ballrooms)
1:15 – 2:45 pm <i>Breakout A</i>	Racketeering, Contract Fraud and Corruption – Miami International Airport Fuel Farm Investigation Cathy Jackson, Director – Miami Dade County Audit and Management Service Tanya Jackson, Investigator – Miami Dade County Inspector General's Office
1:15 – 2:45 pm <i>Breakout B</i>	Bid-Rigging Prosecution – An Insider's Account; Overview of Federal Antitrust Violations Andrew Rosa, Trial Attorney – USDOJ Antitrust Division Eric Wilson, Assistant Attorney General – Wisconsin Department of Justice Kent Byers, Senior Special Agent – USDOT OIG Dan Beaudoin, Construction Company Employee
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Afternoon Break – Light Refreshments Provided
3:00 – 5:00 pm <i>Breakout A</i>	Investigation of Substandard Highway Catch Basins – Bridgeport, Connecticut I-95 Corridor Improvement Project Mary Baier, P.E., Project Engineer – Connecticut Department of Transportation Todd Damiani, Senior Special Agent – USDOT OIG Hurricane Relief and Recovery: Damage, Rebuilding and Oversight Michael Wascom, Counselor to the Under Secretary for Policy – USDOT Sharon B. Robinson, CPA, Inspector General – State of Louisiana Jim Crumpacker, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Hurricane Relief and Recovery Oversight – USDOT OIG Mark Peters, National Contract and Grant Fraud Coordinator – USDOT OIG
3:00 – 5:00 pm <i>Breakout B</i>	Overview of the False Claims Act; Civil Fraud Investigations – Highway Construction Fraud Involving DBE Program and False Billing by Materials Inspection Firm Gejaa Gobena, Trial Attorney – USDOJ Civil Division Michael Harkins, Attorney Advisor – Federal Highway Administration Office of Chief Counsel Lawrence Kutys, Auditor – U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Delaware Joe Zschiesche, Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge – USDOT OIG Elise Woods, Senior Special Agent – USDOT OIG

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Wednesday, April 26, 2006	Palms Ballroom, Salons F~I (Except as Noted)
7:00 - 8:00 am	Light Breakfast - Provided (Lemon & Lime Ballrooms)
8:00 – 9:30 am	Overview of USDOT's New Suspension and Debarment Policy; Perspectives and Experience to Date David Tochen, Deputy Assistant General Counsel – USDOT Office of General Counsel Steven Shaw, Deputy General Counsel for Contractor Responsibility – U.S. Air Force Michael Harkins, Attorney Advisor – Federal Highway Administration Office of Chief Counsel Omer Poirier, Counsel – USDOT OIG
	Ellen Shields, Program Analyst – USDOT Office of the Senior Procurement Executive Michael Bowen, Investigations Manager – Office of Inspector General Florida Department of Transportation John Long, Special Agent-in-Charge – USDOT OIG
9:30 - 10:00 am	Introduction to the Transportation Oversight Providers Network (www.TOPnet.gov) – A Web-Based Tool for Enhanced Information Sharing Carlos Vazquez, Senior Special Agent – USDOT OIG & TOPnet Steering Committee
10:00 – 10:15 am	Morning Break - Light Refreshments Provided
10:15 – 11:15 am	Reporting Fraud and Corruption – It's Never the Wrong Time to do the Right Thing Cecil T. Bragg, Jr., Inspector General Robert E. Clift, Director of Investigations Florida Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Maintaining a Culture of Integrity – A Construction Industry Perspective Donald J. Shubert, Council of State Executives – American Road & Transportation Builders Association Jim Waltze, Past President – Associated General Contractors of America
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch – Provided (Grand Lawn)
1:15 – 1:45 pm	Overview of USDOT OIG Audit Initiatives – Surface Transportation Program Oversight Kurt W. Hyde, Assistant Inspector General for Surface and Maritime Programs – USDOT OIG
1:45 – 3:45 pm	Highway-Related Case Studies: Substandard Noise Panels, Utah's I-215 Project James Wahleithner, Senior Special Agent – USDOT OIG Efferem Poynter, Senior Special Agent – USDOT OIG Contracts in Exchange for Gratuities, Washington, D.C. Malik Freeman, Special Agent – USDOT OIG Falsified Payroll Records, Minnesota Landscaping Contract Chris Smith, Special Agent – USDOT OIG
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Afternoon Break – Light Refreshments Provided
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Transit-Related Case Studies: Fraud Involving the DBE Program, New York Transit Contract Dan Helzner, Senior Special Agent – USDOT OIG Embezzlement, Illinois Public Transit Funds Mark Peters, National Contract and Grant Fraud Coordinator – USDOT OIG

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Thursday,	
Thursday, April 27, 2006	Palms Ballroom, Salons F~I (Except as Noted)
7:00 – 8:00 am	Light Breakfast – Provided (Lemon & Lime Ballrooms)
8:00 – 8:30 am	Speaker: Todd J. Zinser, Acting Inspector General – USDOT
8:30 – 9:20 am	Key Role of Auditors in Transportation Fraud Investigations Steve Learned, Assistant U.S. Attorney – Eastern District of Virginia
9:20 – 9:40 am	Morning Break - Light Refreshments Provided
9:20 – 10:30 am	Fraud Awareness – A Forensic Audit Perspective Kitty Cullen, Supervisory Auditor Jose Ramirez, Senior Auditor Defense Contract Audit Agency – Eastern Region Investigative Support Division
10:30 – 11:00 am	Keynote Address: The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation
11:00 – 11:10 am	Morning Break - Light Refreshments Provided
11:10 am – 12:00 pm <i>Breakout A</i>	Philadelphia Area Airport Construction Fraud Michael Purcell, Senior Special Agent – USDOT OIG Robert Goldman, Former Assistant U.S. Attorney – Eastern District of Pennsylvania Partner – Fox Rothschild, LLP (Philadelphia, PA and West Palm Beach, FL)
11:10 am – 12:00 pm <i>Breakout B</i>	Lower Manhattan Post 9-11 Rebuilding and Project Oversight Charles Maikish, Executive Director Ronald Calvosa, Fraud Prevention Director Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center Ned Schwartz, Special Agent-in-Charge – USDOT OIG
12:00 – 12:50 pm <i>Breakout A</i>	Long Island Construction Task Force: Millions in Illegal Payoffs Burton Ryan, Assistant U.S. Attorney Charlie Kelly, Assistant U.S. Attorney Eastern District of New York
12:00 – 12:50 pm <i>Breakout B</i>	Ethics and Conflicts of Interest: Building Confidence in Government Sharon Vaughn-Fair, Assistant Chief Counsel for Eastern Legal Services – Federal Highway Administration Thomas Lehrich, Chief Counsel – Office of Legal, Legislative and External Affairs USDOT OIG Katherine Ovalle, Associate Counsel – USDOT OIG
12:50 – 1:00 pm 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks: Cecil T. Bragg, Jr., Inspector General Florida Department of Transportation Charles H. Lee, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Investigations – USDOT OIG Lunch – Provided (Lemon & Lime Ballrooms)
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